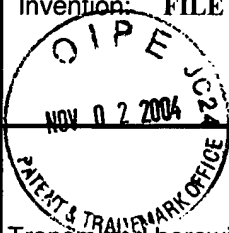

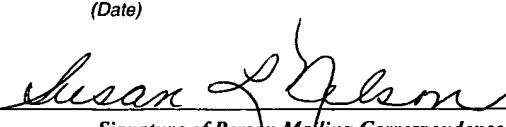


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Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 20, 2004 having been received, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections, withdrawal the finality of the office action and further examination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

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